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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SSCI Hearing on Salvadoran Death Squads

1. Senate debate on 3 April on Senator Edward Kennedy's (D., MA) amendment 2836 to HJRes 492 resulted in an agreement among Senators Barry Goldwater (R., AZ), Daniel p. Moynihan (D., NY), and Kennedy that the amendment would be withdrawn in favor of the SSCI's holding a hearing on the subject prior to the July recess (29 June-24 July).

2. The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence's (SSCI) staff director has appointed Mr. Larry Kettlewell, Senator John Chafee's (R., RI) designee, to chair the SSCI working group to prepare for the hearing. We can expect to hear from him soon.

3. Attached hereto are excerpts from the Congressional Record for 3 April 1984 which provides interested parties with the complete record of the discussion on the Senate floor. Note the prominence of the companion issue--whether the CIA is directly or indirectly involved in supporting individuals linked to death squads or their activities. Senator Moynihan's comment merits quotation: "Nothing that we (the SSCI) have learned would in any way implicate the Central Intelligence Agency in the undoubtedly obscene and outrageous behavior of individuals and organizations in El Salvador."

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